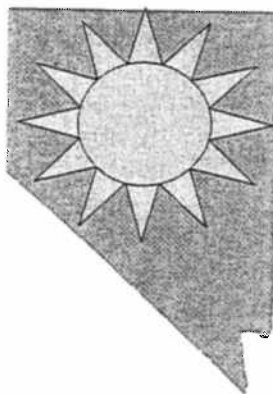


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June was yet another mild and generally dry month over most of Nevada. Reno had a tie with 1918 for the warmest June in 113 years of record (at 5.9° above normal). Also, Las Vegas had the 4th warmest in 64 years of Airport data collection (at plus 3.8°). Western Nevada has been the Banana Boat, with the past 14 months being above normal. The Northeast has not had the same response, with temperatures near or a little below normal during the same period. In fact, Elko had a 26-degree reading June 1st for a new record low for the month. Except for end of the month thundershowers that brought heavy rain and brief local flooding with pea sized hail in some Northwest Nevada areas, it was a dry month. Water Year precipitation (Oct. 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000) is below normal at most locations in Nevada. East Slope Sierra Nevada precipitation ranges from 65 – 70% of normal in the Walker River Area to 80-85% in the Tahoe-Truckee Area. The driest location in Nevada is Hawthorne with 1.20" or only 28% of the Water Year normal. Yerington has had 1.49" or 33% of normal. The wettest area in Nevada has been Mt. Rose Ski Bowl at 46.70" or 87% of the usual and Marlette Lake 27.20" or 81% of normal. June wasn't much help adding to these totals as many locations had no measurable rainfall. This was true for example at Wilson Canyon, Schurz, Bare Ranch, Charleston, Sleeper Mine, Las Vegas and Overton.

On the temperature side the mercury ranged from 115° at Overton Beach to 15° at Charleston. It was also tough for tomatoes at San Jacinto where it was 19°, Boies Ranch 23° and Reese River Hoard 24°.

Addenda: Late arriving data showed that Callville Bay reached 116° on May 24th for a new State record high for Nevada for May. The old record was 115° at Cottonwood Cove in 1983.

Note: July's hottest and coldest days on record are Laughlin with 124° on the 28th and Charleston 16° on the 31st. Both were set in 1995.